

# *3rd Brigade Soldiers adapt training*

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## *1-41st Infantry mentally prepares for combat*



*Spc. Dan Smith, 1-41 Infantry, plays the part of a casualty during improvised Military Operations in Urban Terrain training in the National Training Center Motor Pool.*

Soldiers of Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 41<sup>st</sup> Infantry, practiced Military Operations in Urban Terrain in their National Training Center motor pool at Fort Irwin, Calif., Oct. 25, but their minds took them across the ocean to another desert.

The Soldiers were mentally preparing themselves for a more dangerous, real-world mission in Iraq expected to come sometime in 2005.

“The fact that the enemy is becoming more tactically competent means that all levels of company training, (including) headquarters and line platoons, need to receive training as far as if a convoy gets hits by an explosive device and ambushed,” said Sgt. Jeremy Fowler. “They need to know exactly what to do and where to go. We all need to know what to do in case it happens.”

With that in mind, the company conducted reaction casualty evacuations from an ambushed convoy, then moved into and cleared a house, according to Spc. John Sherfield.

“I think the training is going to do very well (because) one of the things you’re up against there is you might be hit by improvised explosive de-